



Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
February 10, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Bomke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jackie Newman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Josh Collins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Plunk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Dorsey	<input type="checkbox"/>	J.D. Sudeth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Hasara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Wesley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Murphy		

Others:

Christies Crites – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
Norm Sims - SSCRPC
Jeff Fulgenzi – SSCRPC
Gail Weiskopf- SSCRPC

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Robert Plunk called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Vice Chair Plunk announced that commissioner Mr. J.D. Sudeth was not in attendance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Plunk asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 13, 2016, regular meeting. Vice Chair Plunk stated there was a duplicate sentence in **Section F. Developing Linkages with Fire/EMS.** Mr. Robert Wesley moved to approve the amended minutes. Mr. Josh Collins seconded the motion, and the amended minutes were approved.

IV. Introductions and Announcements

Vice Chair Plunk welcome Christie Crites from Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.

V. Nominations and Election of CEC Chair & Vice Chair

Vice Chair Plunk asks for the nomination of Mr. Mike Murphy to replace Chair Joan Walters, who moved out of state. Mr. Collins moved to approve the nomination. Sen. Larry Bomke seconded the motion, and the nomination was approved.

Vice Chair Plunk explained he felt there should be diversity in the leadership so he wanted to step down.

Mr. Wesley moved to affirm that Vice Chair Plunk remains the Vice Chair and Ms. Jackie Newman seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Plunk withdrew his name. Mr. Wesley withdrew the motion. Vice Chair Plunk nominated Hon. Karen Hasara for Vice Chair. Vice Chair Plunk turned it over to Chair Mike Murphy moved to approve the nomination. Mr. Wesley seconded the motion, and the nomination was approved. Chair Mike Murphy asked for discussion or any other nominations for vice chair. There being none, Chair Murphy asks for a vote for Hon. Karen Hasara for Vice Chair. The vote was unanimous.

Vice Chair Hon. Karen Hasara thanked everyone for her nomination.



Chair Murphy thanked everyone for his nomination. He hopes that the CEC can get some things accomplished in the remaining term. He stated that the Agenda would remain the same. He said at the end there would be a discussion how the CEC will move forward and what are the wants and needs.

VI. DISCUSSION OF TASKFORCE WORK PLANS

A. Regional Leadership Council as Strategic Partner - Higher Ed Institutions as Strategic Partner – Robert Plunk & Jackie Newman

Ms. Jackie Newman stated that Plunk, Wesley, Newman and Fulgenzi were in attendance for the last RLC meeting in January, the letter was presented. Mr. Plunk spoke on behalf of the RLC.

Mr. Plunk stated there were nine RLC members and Brian McFadden in attendance. There was discussion about the website and there still a lot of questions. The website will be maintained by the County and it will be tied into the County website. There will be a private side and a public side to the website. Although it has been discussed the last two quarters, some of the villages have not yet approved the \$300 for the website. There was discussion about how the website would have been beneficial during the recent flood that affected several of villages in locating equipment and assistance from other communities, but there was also a comment that even with the website most were busy out in the field so they would not have been able to access the website. To add to the mix, the current inventory was mentioned and many of the members were unaware of its existence. This was something initiated by the CEC with the townships. Perhaps the current inventory needs to be added to the County website as well.

Aggregation was discussed by their consultant, Mark Pruitt. Mr. Cuffle suggested the members should have the customer's list updated and ready.

Mayor Tom Yokley gave update on the Fire/Ems sub-committee. Mr. Wesley presented the letter for the county board, it was approved for signatures. Mr. Plunk announced that Joan Walters had left the CEC and Dr. Kevin Dorsey had joined the CEC.

Mr. Jeff Fulgenzi noted that Illiopolis, who Mayor Rogers said the council had some hesitation about the cost of the website, sent the LRS proposal. He has spoken to them since then and they seem to support it. He has asked that the CEC be present at their upcoming meeting on the 15th to answer any general questions.

Chair Murphy asks if there was anything that the CEC could do in regards to the Regional Leadership Council to assists them.

Mr. Plunk response was helping them pursue attaining an executive assistant. Mr. Wesley suggested a letter. Wesley stated they need to discuss funding and what are the evaluation points. Wesley said he could see a letter asking the County to fund it for three years and if indeed this kind of organized approach works out in common purchasing, in coverage, and in whatever the cost saving measure are, to where the position through efficiencies' accounts for its salary, then at that point the municipalities could fund it for themselves. Wesley said the CEC could help them put together what a budget would look like and what the evaluation points would be, what the terms would be, they would be ready to make a proposal to the County.

B. Sewer Transfer Study – Dr. Kevin Dorsey & Chair Murphy

Chair Murphy stated consolidation is not realistic at this point. The taskforce should keep in contact with the City about their current long term plan for the sewers.

C. Regional Policing Study – Hon. Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

Hon. Karen Hasara stated asking the City of the County to fund anything at this point because of the State Budget. In the meantime the taskforce could try to get cooperation on the activities the City and Sherriff's Departments shared in the past without the study.

Chair Murphy asks what the thought process was to get the two main players together to talk about these things.

Hon. Karen Hasara replied the first thing to do, would be to ask them and if that doesn't work, the CEC will have to go around them. Hasara stated engaging the public is one of things the taskforce wanted to do this year and let them know what the CEC is doing.

It was mentioned that perhaps a better opportunity to get the Mayor, the Chief and the Sherriff together would be at a CEC meeting.

Chair Mike Murphy noted how successful the first CEC was when they were on a fact finding mission, because they were able to get everyone together. They had a lot of meetings, not only did the CEC learn some facts, but the parties talked among themselves because they were at the same table. Chair Mike Murphy expressed the importance of the getting the parties together and suggested compiling a list of the common programs they once shared.

Discussion referred to the Law Enforcement Executive Summary.

D. Developing Legislative Linkages - Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

Hon. Karen Hasara stated the CEC has several options they could try and do. No one has went to the Capitol and turned in witness slips on Bills of interest or gone down to testified at the hearings. Sen. Larry Bomke said he would go down and sign in as a witness for some of the Bills, but first he would like to be able to have the CEC approval. Chair Mike Murphy said if the CEC had a list of the Bills, then a blanket approval could be used by all members to act upon the Bills accordingly. It was also noted that witness slip may be signed online.

Chair Mike Murphy asks that the list of Bills be compiled for the March CEC meeting.

E. Developing Linkages with Townships - J.D. Sudeth & Chair Murphy

Chair Mike Murphy noted the obvious task of eliminating the collectors' position. He also said that tax assessors could be an item of interest in the future.

The best recommendation is the one that makes the public says "you mean they are not already doing that now".

There was discussion about how other counties eliminated their tax collectors and when it happened. There was also discussion about putting a referendum on the ballot. The message needs to be known by the public. Timing is key.

**Discussion referred to Figure 2: Total Collection Cost per Payment Comparisons (FY2011) of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission Recommendation:
Centralize Property Tax Collection Functions**

F. Developing Linkages with Fire/EMS – Robert Plunk & Robert Wesley



Mr. Wesley stated the letter from RLC to the County Board Chair stating the need for trustee training has been approved. Trustee training would ensure that the Boards are knowledgeable of their responsibilities, of the administrative process, and the schedule of meetings, etc. The survey the RLC conducted reflected that a lot of the folks would be interested in the training. The critical point stated in the letter is that in order to nominate someone to be a trustee they must first go through training.

Mr. Plunk reported on the RLC Fire/EMS meeting that was held after the CEC meeting in January in Williamsville. Mr. Plunk did a presentation on the results from the October 2015 survey. Thirteen questions on the survey. Good responses from the survey. The training of the trustees had a good response other than the farmers who were not happy with the timing.

Mr. Plunk presented the draft letter to the Fire District Presidents and County Board Chairman. He also distributed the address of the presidents. Mr. Wesley made a motion to approve the letters. Dr. Dorsey seconded the motion. Chair Mike Murphy asked for discussion on the motion. There being none, Chair Murphy asks for a vote. The vote was unanimous.

- G. Create Network of Business Leaders - J.D. Sudeth & Josh Collins**
No report was given.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Murphy asks if there was any unfinished business.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Mike Murphy asked if there were any public comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mike Murphy asked if there were any further comments. There being none, he called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Collins motioned to adjourn. Mr. Dorsey seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Weiskopf
Acting as Recording Secretary